

Thursday, September 25, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House agreed to Defense Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9911–S9987

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1219–1222, and S. Res. 126–127 **Page S9969**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. Res. 126, authorizing supplemental expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (S. Rept. No. 105–87)

S. 363, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that violent video programming is limited to broadcast after the hours when children are reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience, unless it is specifically rated on the basis of its violent content so that it is blockable by electronic means specifically on the basis of that content, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–89)

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Measures Passed:

Breast Cancer: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 85, expressing the sense of the Senate that individuals affected by breast cancer should not be alone in the fight against the disease, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9986**

Elderly Nutrition Program Anniversary: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 11, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the first nutrition program for the elderly under the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9986–87**

Au Pair Program Authority: Senate passed S. 1211, to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs. **Page S9987**

Oklahoma City National Memorial Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial

as a unit of the National Park System, and to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S9911–14**

District of Columbia Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 1156, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Coats Modified Amendment No. 1249, to provide scholarship assistance for District of Columbia elementary and secondary school students.

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Wyden Amendment No. 1250, to establish that it is the standing order of the Senate that a Senator who objects to a motion or matter shall disclose the objection in the Congressional Record. **Page S9914**

Graham/Mack/Kennedy Amendment No. 1252, to provide relief to certain aliens who would otherwise be subject to removal from the United States.

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Mack/Graham/Kennedy Amendment No. 1253 (to Amendment No. 1252), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9961, S9979–80**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, September 30, 1997.

Department of Defense Appropriations—Conference Report: By 93 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 258), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola; referred to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
(PM-69).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 259 EX), Katharine Sweeney Hayden, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David W. Wilcox, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Stanley Marcus, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Stanley Tuemler Escudero, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh.

David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
(Total-259)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, September 26, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9987.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 7,400 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING—ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill authorizing funds for the transit provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 852, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles, after receiving testimony from William L. Brauch, Iowa Department of Justice, Des Moines, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Bernard E. Brown, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America; R. B. Dossett, Jr., Dossett Big 4, Tupelo, Mississippi, on behalf of the National Automobile Dealers Association; Peg Echols, State Farm Insurance Companies, Bloomington, Illinois; and Marcia McAllister, Schaumburg, Illinois, on behalf of the American Salvage Pool Association.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the implementation of the Federal agency energy management provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, after receiving testimony from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Affairs and Installations; John Archibald, Acting Director, Federal Energy Management Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Glenn Skovholt, Honeywell, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Energy Service Companies; Richard Frost, ICRC Energy Inc., Anchorage, Alaska; Jerry Hathaway, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Chugach Alaska Corporation; and James P. Kovalcik, PNM Energy Partners, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 799, to transfer eighty

acres of public land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the estate of Mr. Fred Steffens, S. 814, to transfer forty acres of public land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe, and H.R. 960, to extinguish the Federal government's right of reversion to lands encumbered by a railroad right-of-way within Tulare, California, after receiving testimony from Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current state of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on its practices and procedures and its enforcement authorities to collect delinquent taxes, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Dolan, Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury; Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; and certain protected witnesses.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine the incidence of religious persecution and human rights violations in Sudan, after receiving testimony from Gare A. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State/Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; House of Lords Deputy Speaker Caroline Cox, London, England, on behalf of the Christian Solidarity International; Marc R. Nikkel, Episcopal Church of Sudan/Diocese of Bor, Nairobi, Kenya; and Jemera Rone, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Treaty of Maritime Boundaries between the United States and the United Mexican States, signed at Mexico City, May 4, 1978 (Treaty Doc. 96-6), the Protocol Between the United States and Canada Amending the 1916 Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds in Canada and the United States, with a related exchange of notes, signed at Washington on December 14, 1995 (Treaty Doc. 104-28), the Protocol Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Mexican States Amending the Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Game Mammals, signed at Mexico City on May 5, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-26), after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; Alaska Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer, Juneau; Mary Beth West, Deputy Assistant

Secretary of State for Oceans, Science and Technology/Bureau of Oceans, and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Jamie Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Myron Naneng, Sr., Native Migratory Birds Working Group/Association of Village Presidents, Anchorage, Alaska; and Roger Holmes, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, St. Paul.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel, and Trevor Potter, former Chairman, both of the Federal Election Commission; Anthony Corrado, Colby College, Waterville, Maine; Daniel R. Ortiz, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Burt Neuborne, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; and Roger Pilon, CATO Institute, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, September 30.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, focusing on the need to prevent young people from using tobacco products and other public health goals, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, September 30.

CAPITOL SECURITY

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine the security needs of the United States Capitol complex, receiving testimony from Gregory S. Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood, House Sergeant at Arms, Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol, and Gary L. Abrecht, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police, all on behalf of the U.S. Capitol Police Board.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On Wednesday, September 24, committee approved for reporting an original resolution (S. Res. 126) authorizing supplemental expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2544–2561; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 158–159 and H. Res. 244–245, were introduced. **Pages H7910–11**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1313, a private bill, for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson (H. Rept. 105–269); and

H.R. 2516, to extend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 through March 31, 1998, amended (H. Rept. 105–270).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J. of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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Journal: By a recorded vote of 331 ayes to 78 noes, Roll No. 439, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, September 24.

Pages H7833–35

Motion to Adjourn: By a yea and nay vote of 71 yeas to 337 nays, Roll No. 438, rejected the Mink of Hawaii motion to adjourn.

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Motion to Adjourn: By a yea and nay vote of 82 yeas to 334 nays, Roll No. 440, rejected the Woolsey motion to adjourn.

Page H7840

DOD Appropriations: By a yea and nay vote of 356 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 442, the House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

Pages H7842–49

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 242, the rule waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report by a yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 442.

Pages H7840–42

Order of Business: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 2267, that (1) no further amendment shall be in order except amendments printed before September 25 in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII; amendments numbered 2 and 3 in part 2 of House Report 105–264; one amendment offered by Representative Rogers after consultation with Representative Mollohan; one amendment to the amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 4; and pro forma amendments offered

by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees; (2) each amendment shall be considered as read and (other than the amendments numbered 2 and 3 in part 2 of House Report 105–264 and the amendment numbered 4 and any amendment thereto) shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; (3) the amendment numbered 4 shall be debatable for 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, except that if an amendment thereto is offered before that debate begins, then the amendment and the amendment thereto shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the original proponent and opponent; (4) the amendment numbered 4 may be offered only before noon on Friday, September 26, 1997, or after 5 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 1997; (5) the amendment numbered 2 in House Report 105–264 may be offered only on Tuesday, September 30, 1997; (6) the amendment numbered 4 and the amendment offered by Representative Rogers may be offered without regard to the stage of the reading; (7) after the sum of the number of motions to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 7 of rule XXIII) or that the Committee rise offered by Members of the minority party reaches three, the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may entertain another such motion during further consideration of the bill only if offered by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or the Majority Leader or their designee. **Pages H7889–90**

Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on September 24.

Pages H7849–H7907

Agreed To:

The Hyde amendment, debated on September 24, that allows any defendant who prevails in a federal prosecution an opportunity to recover attorney fees unless the government establishes that it was substantially justified in initiating and prosecuting the case (agreed to by a recorded vote of 340 ayes to 84 noes, Roll No. 443);

Pages H7849–50

The Mollohan amendment that increases funding for the Legal Services Corporation by \$109 million and decreases funding for various programs at the

Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and related agencies accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 449);

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The Sanders amendment that increases funding for the United States Trade Representative by \$1 million and decreases the Commerce Department salaries and expenses funding accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 356 ayes to 64 noes, Roll No. 452); and

Pages H7873–77

The Rogers amendment that increases National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration funding for implementing the non-point source pollution control program; and research on pfiesteria.

Pages H7893–96

Rejected:

The Scott amendment, debated on September 24, that sought to increase funding for the Boys and Girls Clubs by \$80 million; special advocate program by \$13 million; child abuse training program by \$8 million; grants to combat violence against women by \$40 million; residential substance abuse treatment grants by \$37 million; drug courts by \$76.7 million; and law enforcement family support programs by \$4 million and decrease the funding for the violent offender incarceration and truth in sentencing incentive grants program by \$258.7 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 444);

Pages H7850–51

The Waters amendment, debated on September 24, that sought to increase drug courts funding by \$30 million and decrease the violent offender incarceration and truth in sentencing incentive grants funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 445);

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The Coburn amendment, debated on September 24, that sought to increase Juvenile Justice funding by \$74.1 million and reduce Department of Commerce Advanced Technology Program funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 446);

Pages H7851–52

The Norton amendment, debated on September 24, that sought to strike section 103 that prohibits funding for abortions in the Federal prison system (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 447);

Pages H7852–53

The Hefley amendment that sought to decrease funding for the Economic Development Administration by \$90 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 305 noes, Roll No. 455); and

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The Hostettler amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Advanced Technology Program (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 456).

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Points of order sustained:

A point of order was sustained against the Sanders amendment that sought to increase funding for the United States Trade Representative by \$1 million and decrease the Commerce Department salaries and expenses funding accordingly (sustained the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 451).

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Pending:

The Gilman amendment was offered that seeks to withhold not more than \$356.2 million from State Department salaries and expenses funding until the Secretary of State has made one or more designations of organizations as foreign terrorist organizations;

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The Bartlett en bloc amendment that seeks to strike \$54 million for payment of U.N. international organization arrearages and \$46 million for payment of U.N. international peacekeeping activities arrearages;

Pages H7900–04

Rejected the Tierney motion to rise by a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 448.

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Rejected the Gephardt motion to rise by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 293 noes, Roll No. 450.

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Rejected the Becerra motion to rise by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 453.

Pages H7877–78

Rejected the Becerra motion to rise by a recorded vote of 103 ayes to 281 noes, Roll No. 454.

Pages H7879–80

On September 24, agreed to H. Res. 239, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part I of H. Rept. 105–264, that provides for an expedited judicial review to determine the legality and constitutionality of the use of sampling for purposes of apportionment or redistricting, was considered as adopted.

Pages H7755–59

Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Angola: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–135).

Pages H7907–08

Library of Congress Trust Fund: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment on the part of the House of Mr. Wayne Berman of the District of

Columbia to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7833 and H7879.

Referrals: S. 542 to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Far Horizons*; S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Vortice*; and S. 880, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Dusken IV* were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Amendments: Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7911–13.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7834, H7835, H7840, H7841–42, H7848–49, H7849–50, H7850–51, H7851, H7852, H7852–53, H7862, H7868, H7868–69, H7872, H7877, H7877–78, H7879–80, H7885–86, and H7889. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2534, Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act of 1997.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—FEDERAL AGENCY PAYMENTS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury's proposed rules regarding the management of federal agency payments through the use of Electronic Funds Transfer. Testimony was heard from John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; John Dyer, Acting Principal Deputy Commissioner, SSA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1411, amended, Prescription

Drug User Fee Reauthorization and Drug Regulatory Modernization Act of 1997; and H.R. 2469, amended, Food and Nutrition Information Reform Act of 1997.

FEDERAL WORKPLACE—EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service concluded hearings on Employment Discrimination in the Federal Workplace, Part II. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady and Herger; Ronald Stewart, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

PFIESTERIA AND FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Pfiesteria and Food Safety: The Federal and State Response. Testimony was heard from Terry Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH; Fred Shank, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA; and Richard J. Jackson, M.D., Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Robert H. Wayland, III, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; Parris N. Glendening, Governor, State of Maryland; David Bruton, M.D., Secretary, Health and Human Services, State of North Carolina; Randolph Gordon, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2232, amended, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; and H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING—MONITORING ROLE OF CONGRESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Role of Congress in Monitoring Administrative Rulemaking. Testimony was heard from Senator Brownback; Representatives Hayworth and Kelly; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1063, to amend the Webb-Kenyon Act to allow any State, territory, or possession of the United States to bring an action in Federal court to enjoin violations of that Act or to enforce the laws of such State, territory, or possession with respect to such violations; and H.R. 1534, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Riggs and Ehrlich; John Dwyer, Acting Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2376, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Chenoweth; Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LAND CONVEYANCE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 434, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, NM, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, NM. Testimony was heard from Representative Redmond; Janice McDougale, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA; and David Sanchez, Mayor, Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Everglades National Park and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians in Florida. Testimony was heard from Representative Diaz-Balart; Edward B. Cohen, Deputy Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Domain Name System, Part I. Testimony was heard from Joseph Bordogna, Acting Deputy Director, NSF; Larry Irving, Assistant Sec-

retary, Communication and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 30.

PROMOTING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Promoting Technology Transfer by Facilitating Licenses to Federally-Owned Inventions. Testimony was heard from John G. Mannix, Associate General Counsel (Intellectual Property), NASA; and public witnesses.

YEAR 2000 COMPUTER COMPLIANCE ISSUES-IMPACT ON VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Year 2000 (Y2K) computer compliance issues and their impact on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Information Resources Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; D. Mark Catlett, Acting Assistant Secretary, Management, Acting Chief Information Officer, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Tom Shope, Acting Director, Division of Electronics and Computer Science, Office of Science Technology, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Judy D. Moore, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Meredith Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor; J. Mark Iwry, Chief Benefits Tax Counsel, Department of the Treasury; Jay Angoff, Director, Department of Insurance, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—SSA'S DISABILITY REVIEWS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held an oversight hearing on the SSA's progress in conducting continuing disability reviews. Testimony was heard from Susan Daniels, Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability, SSA; and Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Conferees on Wednesday, September 24, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House- passed versions of H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 1710, amended, Medical Device Regulatory Modernization Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, oversight hearing on the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department and the Booz-Allen MOC, 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 188, urging the executive

branch to take action regarding the acquisition by Iran of C-802 cruise missiles; H.R. 967, to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and be excluded from admission to the United States; H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997; and H.R. 2386, United States-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider a resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9:15 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, to continue hearings on the Recommendations of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service with regard to taxpayer protections and rights, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 11 a.m., H-144, Capitol.

Conferees, on H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 12 noon, H-140, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, September 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 25, Campaign Reform.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2267, Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act (open rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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